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**MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021**

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Met at nineteen minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Ms. Friedman in the Chair).

The Chair (Ms. Friedman), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communication.

The following communications were severally received and place on file, to wit:

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Minority Leader, announcing the appointment of Thomas Consolati (under Section 22 of Chapter 132 of the Acts of 2019) to the special commission relative to the long-term fiscal health of rural school districts facing a decline in student enrollment (received April 30, 2021); and

Fiscal health of rural school districts,-- special commission.

Communication from the Bureau of Special Investigations in the Office of the State Auditor (pursuant to line item 0710-0200 of Section 2 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its quarterly report detailing and summarizing its recent activity during the third quarter of fiscal year 2021 (received May 3, 2021).

BSI,-- 3rd quarter report. SD2606

Petition.

Ms. Gobi presented a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2441) of Anne M. Gobi and Todd M. Smola (by vote of town) for legislation to establish a department of public works in the town on Wales [Local approval received];

Wales,-- public works.

Referred, under Senate Rule 20, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Sent to the House for concurrence.

PAPER FROM THE HOUSE

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill authorizing certain investments by the treasurer of the town of East Bridgewater (see Senate, No. 31, amended) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Ms. Friedman) and laid before the Governor for his approbation.

Bill laid before the Governor.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were severally considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Cyr, Ms. Comerford, Ms. Jehlen, Mr. DiDomenico, Ms. Gobi, Messrs. Barrett, Velis, Timilty, Finegold and Moore, Ms. Lovely, Mr. Lesser, Ms. DiZoglio, Mr. Eldridge, Ms. Friedman, Messrs. Crighton and Tarr, Ms. Creem, Messrs. Keenan, Gomez and Montigny) "commending the Parent/Professional Advocacy League, Inc. on their recognition of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week"; and

Parent/Professional Advocacy League, Inc.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Timilty) "commending the Greater Boston Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals for their recognition of North

Greater Boston Chapter of the

American Occupational Safety and Health Week and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day.”

American Society of Safety Professionals.

*Moment of Silence.*

There being no objection, during consideration of the Orders of the Day, the Chair (Ms. Friedman), members, guests and staff stood in a moment of silence and reflection to the memory of Leo D. Stapleton.

Moment of silence.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. O’Connor,--

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

*Adjournment in Memory of Mr. Leo D. Stapleton.*

The Senator from Suffolk, Mr. Collins, moved that when the Senate adjourns today it do so in memory of Leo D. Stapleton.

Mr. Leo D. Stapleton was a South Boston native and almost 40-year career Boston Firefighter who passed away on April 26, 2021 at the age of 93. He served as Fire Commissioner 1984-1981. Mr. Leo D. Stapleton was married to his wife, Doris, and had five children, three sons and two daughters.

Mr. Leo D. Stapleton was a proud veteran. His military service included the U.S. navy in World War II, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre, 1944-1946 and in Okinawa Campaign and Bombardment of Japanese Home Islands May-August 1945.

Mr. Leo D. Stapleton was the famed Boston Fire Commissioner with service including: Firefighter 1951-1956; Lieutenant 1956-1961; Captain 1961-1965; District Chief 1965-1968; Deputy Chief 1968-1984; and Fire commissioner 1984-1991.

Mr. Leo D. Stapleton was an innovator and creative. He is the person most responsible for the initiation of the NASA-Firefighters Breathing System Program (FBS), which resulted in the development of the modern 4,5000-psi system. He was the author of 10 books including: *Thirty Years on the Line*, *Commish*, *Fire & Water*, *Jakes*, *Ffops*, *Lufts*, *Cap’n*, *DFC*, and *Billy Simpson’s Journals*.

Mr. Leo D. Stapleton will forever be a beloved and remembered as a son of South Boston and credited for the advancement of firefighter safety in this Great Commonwealth and the United States.

Accordingly, as a mark of respect in memory of Leo Stapleton, at twenty-six minutes past eleven o’clock A.M., on motion of Mr. O’Connor, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Thursday next at eleven o’clock A.M.